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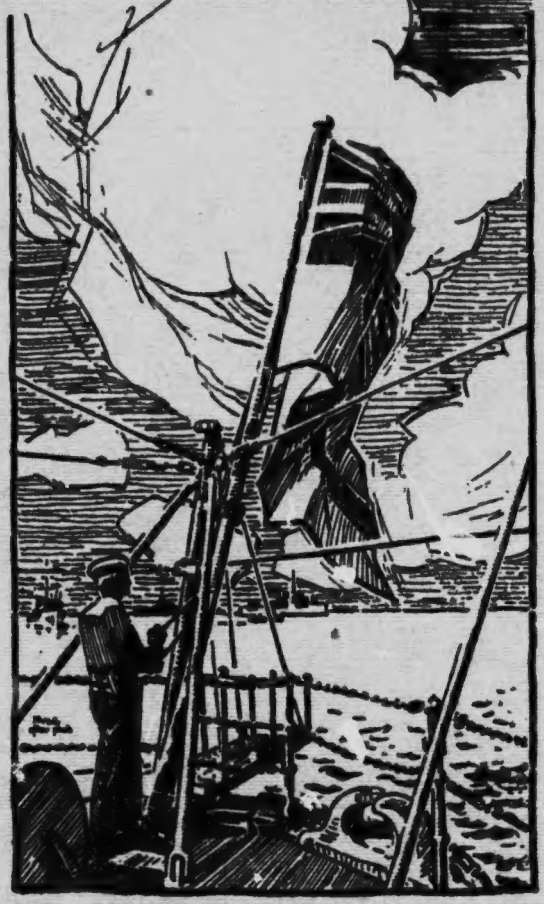

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A LEAGUE OF NATION BUILDERS

THE greatness of a nation depends upon the individual effort of its people. No nation can become great if its people lack the vision of national greatness. A great nation means a prosperous nation. History shows that the great and wealthy nations of the past achieved power and wealth through a system of international trade. Their vast fleets of merchantmen sailed the known seas of the world and brought to home ports the riches of civilization. The same principles apply to the twentieth century as they did to antiquity.

If Canada is to be the great nation of our hopes and aspirations we must develop a great export trade. This must be borne upon the keels of a vast fleet of Canadian Merchantmen, officered and manned by Canadian Sailors, and protected by a Canadian Navy adequate to guard our trade channels.

In its campaign to promote national maritime expansion, and to educate the people to the vital necessity of sea power, the Navy League of Canada is laying the foundation of the future greatness and prosperity of the nation. This work is a concentrated effort to promote a wider spirit of Canadianism. A spirit that will send Canadian ships ploughing across the seven seas carrying Canadian goods and commodities to the great marts of the world.

OBJECTS OF THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA.

1. To conduct a thoroughly organized educational campaign throughout Canada, in matters pertaining to the Navy and Mercantile Marine.

2. To raise funds for the relief of British and Canadian Sailors, for their dependents and for the Sailors' Homes, Institutes and Hospitals in Canada or throughout the Empire, as may be decided upon by the Dominion Council from time to time.

3. To encourage and organize Volunteer Naval Brigades for Boys and Young Men, in which they can receive practical and theoretical instruction in seamanship to prepare them for service in our Navy and Mercantile Marine, in salt or fresh water.

POLICY OF THE NAVY LEAGUE.

1. To disseminate among the people of Canada a knowledge of the necessity and use of sea power as the keystone of Empire and National defence and commercial prosperity.

2. The advocacy of a policy that Canada shall assume her proper share of the cost and maintenance of protecting her own trade routes and coast defences.

3. The advocacy of a marine policy that will tend to build up our Mercantile tonnage.

4. The advocacy of the establishment of a Naval Reserve Force composed of Canadian officers and men who have served either in the Imperial or Canadian Naval Forces.

5. The support of all just claims of officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy and its auxiliaries with regard to pay and pen-

sions, and that merchant officers and men in times of war be put on an equal footing with regard to pay and pensions with officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy.

6. The support of Sailors' Institutes in Canadian ports to better the conditions of the merchant seamen when ashore.

7. The application of steady pressure upon Parliament and the Government for the most efficient administration of the Department of Naval Service, and the abandonment of the present system of the portfolio of Marine, Fisheries and Naval Defence being under one Minister.

8. The application of steady pressure upon all citizens enjoying the Canadian franchise to see that our public men and members of Parliament shall insist upon the administration of our maritime policy being free from Partisan Action.

9. The encouragement and extension of Naval Colleges and of the Boys' Naval Brigade movement and the establishment of proper training institutions with a view to the preparation of boys and men for a seafaring career, to the ultimate end that all Canadian ships shall be manned by British-born and the elimination of aliens from the Mercantile Marine.

A glance at the foregoing will show that the policy of the Navy League assures the maritime development of

ALBERTA BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADE CAMP.

the nation. It places us in a position not only to secure our proper share of world trade but to protect that trade in times of peril. We must remember that sea power decides the fate of nations. A country unable to keep its lines of sea communications intact at all times is sure to suffer defeat at the hands of an enemy.

OUR BOYS.

Canadian ships must have native-born sailors to man them. Realizing the necessity of this, and to awaken a sea consciousness in the youth of our land, Boys' Naval

Brigades have been formed by the Navy League in several cities and towns, and more will be organized as the months pass. The advantages of the movement are obvious. The lads are provided with a fine healthy recreation. They are taught not only the rudiments of seamanship but the art of handling small craft, swimming, first-aid methods, and various other manly accomplishments. Attendance is not compulsory in any sense, and no lad participating is pledged either to go to sea or to finish the course entered upon.

They are also provided with a training schooner which will take them for weekly cruises on the lakes and make them efficient in aquatic sports. This last alone should commend Boys' Naval Brigades to every Canadian citizen, for it is through expert instruction in such that we

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Boys' Naval Brigade.

can best hope to minimize the appalling toll of our youth taken annually by the lakes and waters of Canada. At present there are twenty Boys' Naval Brigades in Canada and in each the instructors are ex-petty officers of the Royal Navy, thoroughly qualified to instruct the lads. The Brigades are situated as follows:

British Columbia—Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo.
Saskatchewan—Saskatoon.
Alberta—Calgary, Nanton, Edmonton.
Prince Edward Island—Charlottetown.
Quebec—Montreal.
Ontario—Toronto, Windsor, Hamilton, Kingston, Galt, Welland, Cobalt, Belleville, Port Arthur, Sault Ste. Marie and London.

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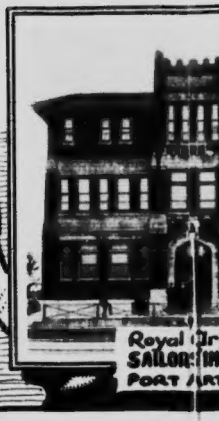

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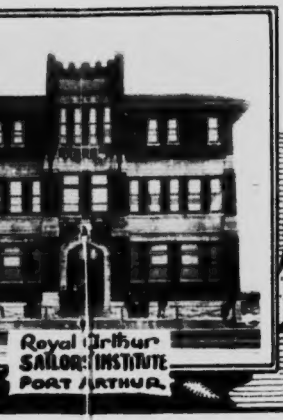

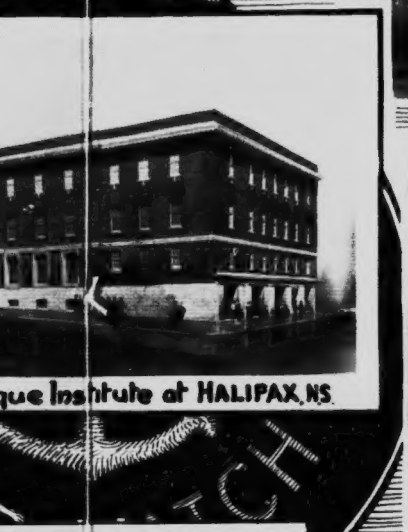

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SAILORS' HOMES AND INSTITUTES.

Another important branch of the work of the Navy League is that of improving the conditions under which the sailor lives while in port. Unless Canada provides adequate accommodation for her sailors when ashore, and provides them recreation of the right sort, we cannot expect our best manhood to follow the seafaring profession.

In this connection the Navy League has arranged grants and endowments whereby sufficient money has been provided various institutes and homes so that their premises might be renovated and maintained in the highest state of modern efficiency. Where institutes or homes are in such a condition that they could not be brought up to a modern standard, or where no buildings of such a character exist, the League purposes to construct up-to-date homes for the use of sailors.

1. The Navy League Institutes in Canada are:

Halifax Navy League Institute value $275,000. Sleeping accommodation for 12 officers and 100 men. Fully equipped with sick quarters, recreation rooms and concert hall seating 800 people, in process of construction, nearing completion.

Prince Edward Island Navy League Home, Charlottetown, value $25,000, endowment fund of $10,000.

Vancouver Navy League Home, value $65,000. Equipped with 11 cubicles, 4 bedrooms and fine recreation quarters, and concert hall. Swimming pool is in process of completion.

2. Institutes and Homes endowed by the Navy League

Montreal Sailors' Institute, net income from endowment of $100,000.

Montreal Catholic Sailors' Club, $80,000.

BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADE, VICTORIA, B. C.
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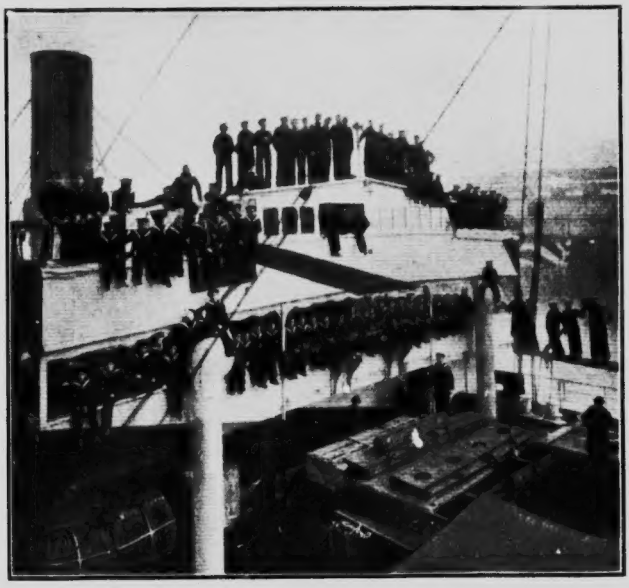

BOYS' NAVAL BRIGADE, MONTREAL

Catholic Sailors' Club, Quebec, $10,000.
Seamen's Missionary Institute, St. John, $50,000.
Quebec Seamen's Institute, $10,000.
Limpsfield Home for Merchant Sailors, Surrey, Eng., $200,000.

3. Navy League Homes Being Erected

Navy League Home in Sydney, Nova Scotia, at cost of $25,000.

SASKATOON BOYS ON PARADE.

4.. Navy Leag·· Grants to Seamen's Institutes

Royal Arthur Institute, Port Arthur, $12,000
British and Foreign Sailors' Society, $7,500
Dr. Grenfell's Mission, Labrador and Newfoundland, $5,000.
Seamen's Missionary Institute, St. John, $5,000
Merchant Sailors' Rest, Malta, $2,500.

5. Navy League Grants for various seamen's relief work

King George's Fund for Sailors, $313,138.40
Navy League Overseas Relief Fund $172,000.00
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Navy League in London for general work $9,709 78.
British and Foreign Sailors Society—overseas, $34,256 96
British and Foreign Society—in Canada, $12,500.00.
"Princess Sophia" disaster $5,000.00.
Prisoner of War Fund, $4,819.91.
Relief of dependents of Merchant Sailors, $6,467.31.
There are 194 Navy League Branches in Canada, distributed among the various Provincial divisions as follows:

British Columbia	23
Alberta	15
Saskatchewan	3
Manitoba	12
Ontario	11.
Quebec	4
New Brunswick	7
Prince Edward Island	1
Nova Scotia	14

Thus it will be seen that not only is the League thoroughly established but that it is taking a prominent part in laying the foundation for the great work of promoting national maritime expansion. Although less than two years old it has already made an enviable record for its patriotic endeavour, and is solidly supported by the thinking people of the Dominion.

It must be remembered that apart altogether from its patriotic nature there is a sound economic · inciple that

BOYS' MESS ON BOARD "PINTA."

TORONTO
Boys' Naval Brigade on board "Pinta"

should appeal to the business instinct of Canadians. Our national wealth and prosperity depend upon the creation not only of a vast export trade but of an export trade which is not controlled by foreign shipping. Therefore it is that the Navy League of Canada calls for Canadian ships, manned by Canadian sailors, to carry Canadian goods the world over.

This is a great national and Imperial Cause demanding the warmest support of every Canadian citizen.

Will YOU help?

If you are not already a member of the Navy League of Canada join NOW and become one of the great League of Nation Builders.

Remember, national success depends upon individual effort. And remember also that if Canada is to attain her fullest estate

"CANADIANS MUST SAIL THE SEAS."

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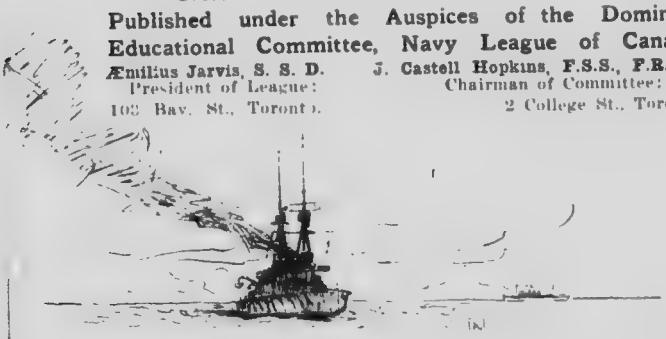

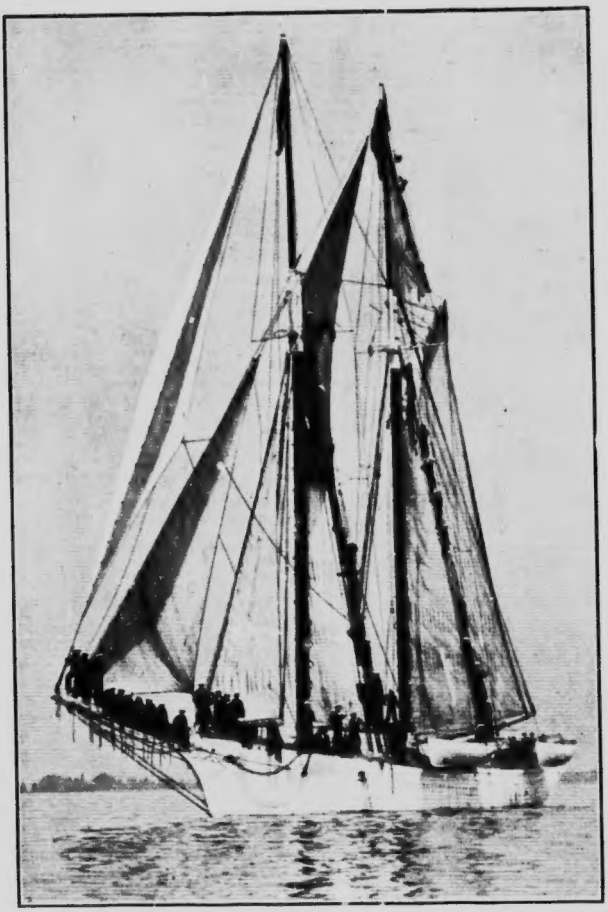

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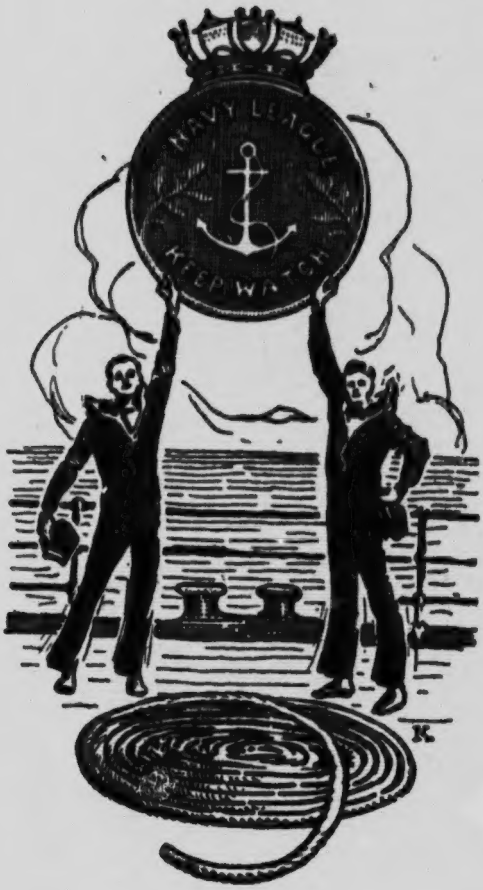

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